

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	James W. Morrow <i>et al.</i>	Examiner:	Pandya, Sunit
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Title:	RECONFIGURABLE GAMING MACHINE	Customer No.:	30076

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REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FINALITY
AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This is responsive to the final Office Action dated April 19, 2006, and is timely filed within the shortened statutory period.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 30-45 and 48 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-20, 30-46, 48-50, 57-59 stand rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Giobbi (US 2002/0107072) in view of Marnell (USPN 5,393,057).

Claims 1-29, 46-47, and 49-59 have been canceled. Claims 30, 38, and 48 have been amended. No claims have been added. Applicants respectfully contend that the differences between the claimed invention and the cited references are such that the claimed invention is patentably distinct over the cited references.

Additionally, the Examiner has issued a final Office Action. However, the Examiner has not addressed each and every element of at least independent claims 30 and 48. As such, Applicants submit that a final Office Action is not proper in this situation and request withdrawal of the finality of the Action.